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1. [REDACTED] at a secret meeting held in Nanning, Chinese Communist military authorities decided to send 60,000 troops of the 15 and 16 Army Groups to the Nanning-Paise (106-34, 23-55) highway area, and to send one tank regiment from Linchou (109-16, 24-18) to Nanning, Lungchow (106-56, 22-22), Chinghsi (106-25, 23-09) and Paise. Conferencees included CH'EN Keng, commander of Aid to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) General Headquarters, and Vo Nguyen Giap, commander-in-chief of the DRV forces.
2. The front operational headquarters is at Thai Nguyen in northern Vietnam under the command of LI Lien-pao (李廉休), former commander of the Sino-DRV Allied Army. WANG Ch'eng-wu (王承武) is deputy commander.
3. HSIAO K'ao, deputy chief of the Joint Sino-DRV Staff Group, sent a request to the Kwangtung Military District Command for a rush shipment of rifle and ammunition and 105 mm mountain field guns, which were stored in the depot at Champo (113-24, 23-05), to Hsiying (110-24, 21-11) and Weichou (109-06, 21-02) for shipment to Indochina.
4. To facilitate troop replacement for the aid of the DRV forces, Chinese Communist authorities established training centers at Ami (103-10, 23-44), Wenshan (104-14, 23-22), Tungshing (107-58, 21-33) and Chennankuan (106-41, 21-53). Each center has 2,000 trainees.
5. In early August five hundred Chinese Communist militia troops in the Lingch'uan (97-55, 24-20)-Ien mao (97-52, 24-02) area on the Yunnan-Burma border were sent to Tali (100-11, 25-43) and the rest to Kunming where they will receive military training before being used to suppress Nationalist guerrillas in Yunnan.
6. On 4 August LIU Po-ch'eng arrived in Kunming by air from Chungking to make plans with CH'EN Keng to combat guerrillas in Yunnan. LIU then inspected Ami and Mengtzu (103-23, 23-20) and returned to Chungking on 8 August.
7. On 10 August CH'EN Keng went to Ningerh (101-05, 23-03) to discuss operations with the 13 Army commander, LIN Chuh-min. CH'EN sent YANG Wen-ch'ing (楊文清) to request reinforcements.

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8. Six thousand Chinese Communist troops under the command of CHANG Shih-ts'ung (張世聰) and 30,000 troops under the command of CHUANG T'ien were in the Dong Gang-Langson area of north Vietnam.
9. In late July CHUANG T'ien, deputy commander of the Aid to the DRV Committee, went to Kunming from Pinghsiang (106-14, 22-06) for conference with CH'EN Keng. CHUANG was told to reorganize the Yunnan-Kwangsi Column on the China-Indochina border and to supply Soviet-type equipment to these troops.
10. On 14 August CH'EN Keng conferred with the commander (sic) of the 13 and 14 Armies at Kunming concerning the suppression of LI Mi's forces. The following decisions were reached:
  - a. One division each from the 13 and 14 Armies will form a mobile unit with both units under the 13 Army commander, LIN Chun-min. These units will have the mission of pursuing and annihilating Nationalist troops in Yunnan. All other troops of the 13 and 14 Armies will remain at their present locations.
  - b. Efforts to eliminate activities of Nationalist secret agents in Yunnan will be intensified.
  - c. The China-Burma border will be well guarded by Chinese Communist troops.
  - d. The Chinese Communist Government will request assistance of the Burmese Government to drive Nationalist troops from Burma.
11. In early August a mechanized unit was organized jointly by the Chinese Communists and the DRV.
12. A school for training DRV Communist cadre members, under the direction of the Chinese Communist Aid to the DRV Committee, is now at Hek'ou (103-57, 23-32).

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- L. Comment. Available records list CHOU Hsi-han as commander of the 13 Army.

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